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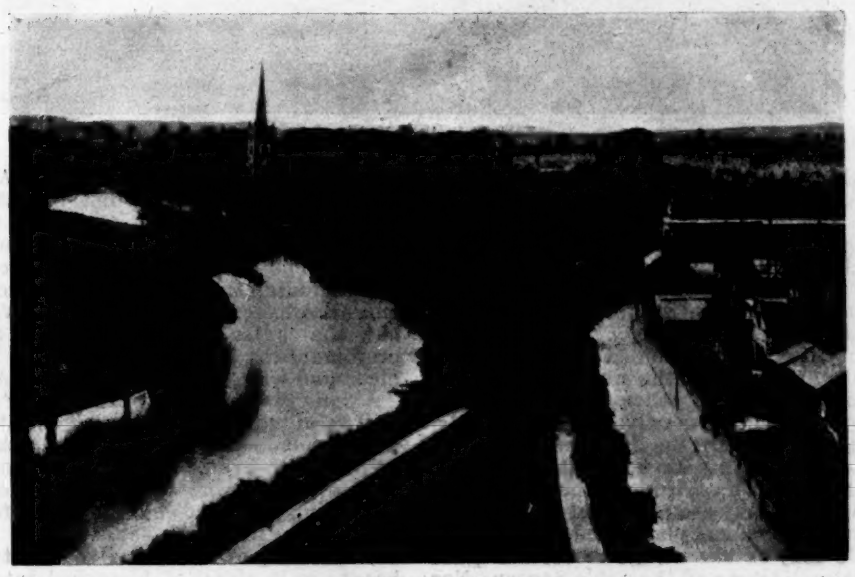
SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
British Medical Association
BIRMINGHAM, JULY, 1911.

WE have already (December 10th, 1910) published some account of the city and institutions of Birmingham, where the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association is to be held next July.

The Annual Representative Meeting will commence on Friday, July 21st, and the business will be continued on the following day, and on Monday, July 24th, and Tuesday, July 25th.

The President-elect, Dr. Robert Saundby, LL.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Medicine in the University of Birmingham, and Physician to the Birmingham General Hospital, will deliver his presidential address in the great hall of the University (a striking picture of which illustrated the article published last December) on Tuesday evening, July 25th, and the meetings of the sections will take place on the following Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. On this occasion it has been arranged to hold sixteen sections, which will, we believe, all or nearly all be accommodated in Mason College, the old building of the University. It stands immediately behind the Town Hall, which will be used as a reception room, as in 1890. The Address in Medicine, by Dr. Byrom Bramwell of Edinburgh, and that in Surgery, by Professor Jordan Lloyd, Surgeon to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, will be delivered in the theatre of the Midland Institute, which adjoins the Town Hall.



Stratford-on-Avon.

The Exhibition annually held in connexion with the Annual Meeting will be arranged this year in the Bingley Hall, a building which affords ample space, and is situated within a few minutes' walk from the Town Hall. It will contain three sections: (*a*) Medical and surgical instruments including books, charts, etc.; (*b*) foods, drugs; (*c*) sanitary and ambulance appliances, and articles of special interest to the medical profession. The applications for space already received make it certain that the Exhibition will be on a large scale and have a representative character.

There is probably no city in the United Kingdom where loyalty to the Association is more steadfast, and where the membership is more numerous and enthusiastic. The Annual Meeting was held in

Birmingham for the first time in 1834, when Dr. John Johnstone, F.R.S., was President, and it was next held in Birmingham in 1856, when Dr. James Johnstone was President. It met in Birmingham again in 1872, when Mr. Alfred Baker, F.R.C.S., was President, and once more in 1890, when Sir Willoughby F. Wade was President. At the meeting in 1834 Dr. John Conolly gave the chief address, then called the General Retrospective Address. In 1872 the Address in Medicine was given by Dr. (now Sir) Samuel Wilks, F.R.S., and the Address in Surgery by Mr. Oliver Pemberton, well known in that day as a leading surgeon in Birmingham. In 1890 the Address in Medicine was given by Sir Walter Foster, now Lord Ilkeston, and the Address in Surgery by Mr. Lawson Tait.

The medical school of Birmingham was founded by Mr. Sands Cox in 1828, and William IV gave it the title of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. It was connected with the Queen's Hospital, and in 1843 it received a royal charter and became the Queen's College. In 1868 it was amalgamated with Sydenham College, which had arisen in connexion with the General Hospital. When the Mason Science College was opened, arrangements were made by which the students of Queen's College attended the classes of the professors of chemistry, physiology, and botany, and in 1892 the school of medicine separated from Queen's College and became the Queen's Faculty of Medicine of Mason College. When the University of Birmingham was incorporated in 1901, this faculty became the Medical Faculty of that University.

Although Birmingham is known best, and most properly, as the chief city of a busy manufacturing district, it should not be forgotten that the "Black Country" lies mainly, if not exclusively, on the north-west quadrant of a circle of which Birmingham may be supposed to occupy the centre, and that, while there is an almost unbroken series of towns and townlets stretching from Birmingham through the coal and iron districts of the Black Country to Wolverhampton, and on by Stafford to the Five Towns (Tunstall, Burslem, Hanley, Newcastle, and Stoke) of the Potteries (now combined into the county borough of Stoke-on-Trent) in the north-west of the county of Stafford, yet on the other three-fourths of the circle unspoiled country may be reached readily. Nowhere in England is there English landscape to be seen more characteristic in its beauty than among the wooded hills of Warwickshire and the leafy lanes of Worcestershire. If there are no mountains, neither is there any monotonous level plain; and, while water on a large scale may be absent, all admit the quiet charm of the historic Avon and the noble Severn. Nor must it be supposed that all Staffordshire has been sacrificed to the Moloch of modern industrialism, or that it presents only a vista of tall chimneys and pit mounds overhung by smoke. East and west of the central north-west trending strip lie large tracts of rural country. West of Wolverhampton is the old Forest of Brewood, where lies Boscobel with the Royal Oak; while east of Lichfield the country is open and agricultural. The county contains not only many private parks, the seats of noblemen and gentlemen, and many heaths, but the great primaeval waste of Cannock Chase, 30,000 acres in extent, where blackcock and deer may still occasionally be found. These are not places to which excursions can be planned, as there are no means for providing for large numbers; but those members who propose to bring motor cars to the meeting, for which garage accommodation is being arranged, might do worse than visit Boscobel and Tong, crossing into Shropshire, go by Shifnal to Buildas Abbey, Much Wenlock, and Bridgnorth, or, going by Sutton Coldfield to Lichfield, run on by Rugeley and Uttoxeter to Alton Towers or Ashbourne.

Lichfield, the ancient residence of many Mercian kings, and still the seat of a bishopric, has the charm of a quiet old Midland town, while its cathedral, its many quaint seventeenth century houses, and its association with the memories of Johnson and Garrick, will repay a visit. An invitation has been received from the local profession to a party not exceeding 150 to visit the city on the Wednesday afternoon of the Annual Meeting, when there will be an opportunity to attend the cathedral service and to see Dr. Johnson's house and other places of interest; afterwards the party will be received by the Mayor, be entertained at tea, and will return to Birmingham in time for dinner.

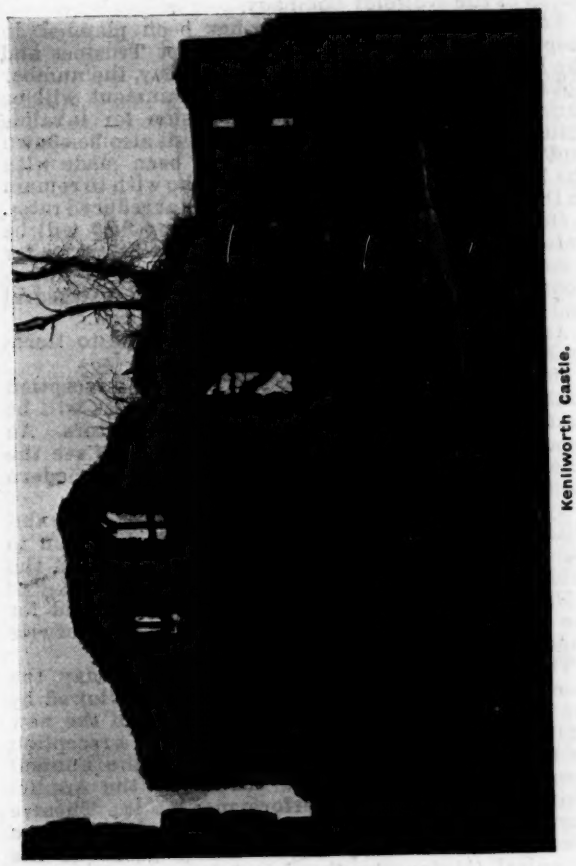
York Walk, Leamington Spa.

Warwickshire contains so much of interest that every afternoon in the week might be devoted to the exploration of places of historical or architectural interest within easy distance of Birmingham; but Coventry, Kenilworth, Warwick, Leamington, and Stratford should not be missed by those who have not already made their acquaintance. An invitation has been given for a party not exceeding 300 to visit Coventry on the Friday afternoon, when tea will be provided by Colonel Wyley, and the visitors will be shown some of the architectural beauties of the old city including the magnificent Church of St. Michael and All Angels, the splendid mediaeval St. Mary's Hall, now the centre of civic life, where are exhibited the muniments of the Corporation, and the charming old black and white buildings of Ford's Almshouses.

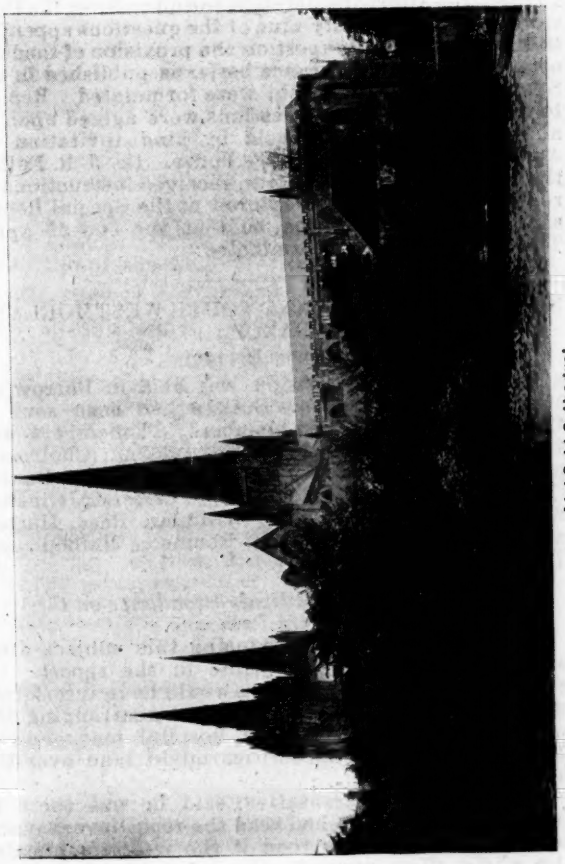
Among the excursions planned for Saturday are one to Leamington and Warwick, limited to 300, which may be made to include Kenilworth, and another to Stratford-on-Avon, limited to 150 with tea for those (limited to 50) who will prolong their journey in the afternoon, to Broadway, the beautiful Worcestershire village dear to artistic souls.

The county of Worcester, second to none in natural beauty or in places of historical interest, will shortly give up part of its area to be incorporated in Greater Birmingham, large residential suburbs having during the last generation stretched for some miles in this south-westerly direction. By the generosity of Messrs. Cadbury a large party will be received on Wednesday afternoon at the model village of Bournville, the visitors will be conducted over the works and entertained to tea. Invitations have also been accepted for the same afternoon to visit the interesting gauze and

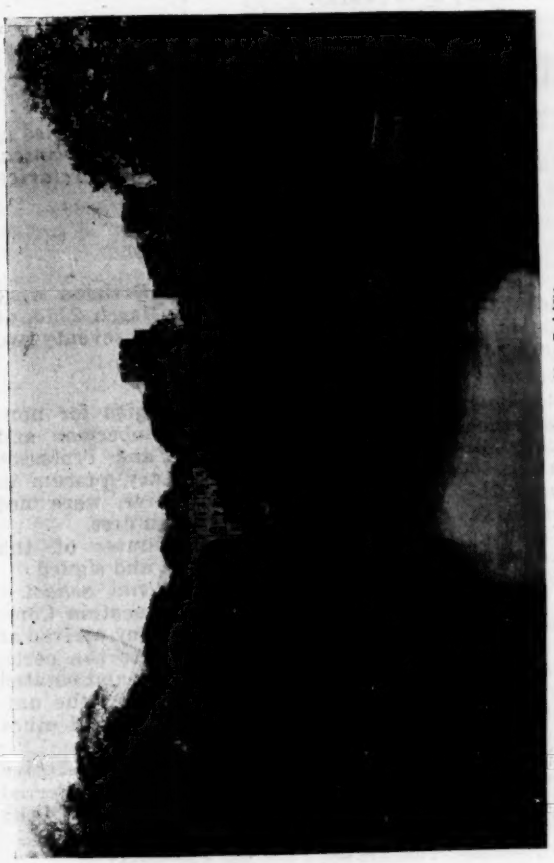
Worcester Cathedral.



Kenilworth Castle.



Lichfield Cathedral.



Warwick Castle, from the Bridge.

bandage factory of Messrs. Southall and the motor works of the Wolseley Company.

An excursion to Droitwich has been planned in response to an invitation of the Corbet Trustees and the local medical profession, for Saturday, the number not to exceed 200, when liberal entertainment will be provided, and the baths and provision for invalids visiting this famous watering place will also be shown and explained. Arrangements have been made with the local hotels to permit members who wish to remain in Droitwich until the Monday to do so at reduced rates.

On the same day a party not exceeding fifty will be entertained to luncheon at Malvern, and be taken for a motor drive in its beautiful environs. In the afternoon the party will go to Worcester to see the cathedral and take tea with the local medical profession.

Another excursion, limited to fifty, will be to Hereford and Ross, the Wye, and Chepstow.

On the Thursday afternoon there will be a reception at the new university, when honorary degrees will be conferred on some of the distinguished visitors. An opportunity will be afforded for members to see the whole of the buildings, together with the modern laboratories and equipment.

By the kindness of the managing director, an exhibition of scientific and other films will be given to members at the Birmingham "Picture House" on the Friday afternoon.

Many private garden parties will also be held for the benefit of those members who are not otherwise engaged in the afternoons.

The plans for the evenings are: On Tuesday, the reception of delegated and foreign guests, followed by the President's address in the great hall of the new University at Bournebrook; on Wednesday, a reception by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham at the Council House and Art Gallery; on Thursday the Annual Dinner and a dramatic performance at the Theatre Royal for ladies and those members unable to go to the dinner; on Friday a garden fête given at the Botanical Gardens by the Local Organization Committee; the gardens will be illuminated and there will be a display of fireworks.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH:

CENTRAL DIVISION.

GENERAL and special meetings of the Division were held at the Institute on Wednesday, March 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Mr. MARSH was in the chair, and seventy-two members were present.

General Meeting.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Drs. Robertson and George Bryce, Mr. Priestley Smith, and Professor Barling. As 100 members, the necessary quorum to render the special resolutions effective, were not present, the ordinary business was taken first.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Certification of Children Unfit to Attend School.—Dr. AUDEN, the Medical Officer to the Education Committee, called attention to the arrangement arrived at by his committee and the Division as to the certification of children unfit to attend school, and pointed out the advantages that would be gained by the universal adoption of the system locally. Several other members also spoke on the subject.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum Report.—The Executive Committee, to which the report had been referred back for further consideration, brought forward the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Introduction: That Clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4 be agreed to.

To next section to prefix: That this Division is in favour of all cases of ophthalmia neonatorum being compulsorily notifiable under the powers of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889.

A 5 (*a*) and (*b*): That these clauses be agreed to.

A 6: That this clause be approved.

A 7: To amend as follows: After the word "sanitary" insert "or other," and to omit all words after "Authority."

Clauses B 8, C 9 and (*d*) 10: That these be all deleted.

Special Meeting.

The CHAIRMAN then declared the meeting special, and various matters relating to sick societies were discussed.

Organization of Medical Attendance on the Provident Principle.—It was decided to consider and instruct the Representative with regard to the report on the organization of medical attendance on the provident or insurance principle at a general meeting of the Division on Wednesday, April 5th.

EDINBURGH BRANCH:

COMBINED MEETINGS OF EDINBURGH DIVISIONS.

State Sickness and Invalidity Insurance—Combined meetings of the three Edinburgh Divisions were held at Dowell's Rooms, Edinburgh, on Thursday, March 16th, and the two following Thursdays, to discuss the questions submitted to the Divisions concerning State insurance for sickness and invalidity. All members of the profession in the district, whether members of the Association or not, were invited to be present and to join in the discussion. The chair was occupied by Dr. JAMES RITCHIE. The questions submitted were discussed seriatim and answers given, and the respective Secretaries were instructed to send in replies to the Medical Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

TOTTENHAM DIVISION.

AN extraordinary meeting of the Division was held on March 31st at the Hornsey Conservative Association's Rooms, Finsbury Park. Dr. GREENWOOD was in the chair, and twelve members were present.

Organization of Medical Attendance on the Provident Principle.—After consideration and discussion, the Division's replies to twenty-nine of the questions appended to the Association's report on the provision of medical attendance on an insurance basis, as published in the SUPPLEMENT of March 4th, were formulated. Replies to the remaining four questions were agreed upon at an adjourned meeting held by kind invitation on April 7th at Dr. Greenwood's house. Dr. J. R. Fuller, the Division's Representative, received instructions to represent the Division's opinion at the Special Representative Meeting to be held at the end of April. The proceedings then terminated.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH:

FURNESS DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held in Barrow on March 30th at 3.15 p.m. Notices had been sent to 42 members and 18 non-members; 14 members and 4 non-members attended. Dr. RUTHERFORD (Chairman) presided, and there were present Drs. Daniel, Callaghan, Wilson, Thompson, Forster, Johnston, Sansom, Alexander, Settle, Williams, Reed, Harper, and Livingston. Drs. Howit, Robinson, Mallagh, and Todd attended as visitors.

Organization of Medical Attendance on the Provident Principle.

Dr. RUTHERFORD, in introducing this subject, drew attention to the leading points in the report. He emphasized the difficulty there would be in interfering with present arrangements without rearranging the whole existing machinery of hospital management. The State and local authorities might take over the hospitals.

Dr. DANIEL (Representative) said he was there to take instructions. He had read the report over several times, and the more he read it the more complicated the whole affair seemed. He did not expect much consideration for the profession in any scheme

managed by the Government. The medical profession could not run a scheme of their own, as they had not the time. Payment per attendance, though attractive, was impracticable, and payment per head difficult on account of want of data from which to fix a sum. He did not think they should set feverishly to work to reform themselves, but should wait.

It was then decided to allow fifteen minutes for general discussion and devote the rest of the time to answering questions on D 15.

Dr. CALLAGHAN thought every individual should be entitled to the services of any doctor he wished, and the State should pay the bills.

Dr. MALLAGH found it difficult to understand the report. He thought the profession had to deal with a change which would come sooner or later. The best they could do would be to accommodate themselves to changing circumstances. Whether they intended to "wait and see" or take a more active part, each should be doing something.

Dr. JOHNSTON thought it would be difficult to devise a workable scheme, as men practised under such varying conditions. Personally, he wanted no change; and he failed to see how any Government could force him and his patients to adopt any plan which would alter their relations to each other.

The HONORARY SECRETARY thought it was difficult to decide whether they were likely to have to deal with a change, or whether there was a good deal of "bluff." In any case, if the profession were known to be united and determined no Government would bring in a scheme which would be unpopular; whereas, if the Government thought they were not united, or that, as a body, they were indifferent, they might find themselves, when it was too late to alter it, compelled to accept terms which would be anything but agreeable.

After several others had spoken, Dr. RUTHERFORD, in concluding the discussion, said he believed the Association was acting on this occasion in order, if possible, to prevent the profession being taken unawares, as happened when the Midwives Bill became law.

☞ *To ensure the insertion of notices in this column they must be received at the Central Offices of the Association not later than the first post on Tuesday.*

Association Notices.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, April 26th, in the Council Room at 429, Strand, London, W.C.

By Order,

GUY ELLISTON,

Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

March 23rd, 1911.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The spring meeting of this Branch will be held in Sherborne, Dorset, on Wednesday, May 17th, 1911. Members wishing to read papers, show cases, or exhibit specimens, should communicate with the undersigned on or before Wednesday, May 3rd next.—JAMES DAVISON, Honorary Secretary, "Streateplace," Bournemouth.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The spring meeting of the East Anglian Branch will be held at Framlingham, Suffolk, on Thursday, April 20th. Members wishing to read papers or show specimens should communicate at once with Dr. Gutch, Ipswich.—B. H. NICHOLSON, General Secretary, East Anglian Branch.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—A general meeting of the Division will be held at the Greenbank Hotel, Northwich, on Wednesday, April 19th, at 4.45 p.m. Further particulars will be given in future notice.—H. G. COOPER, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday, May 4th, at 4 p.m., at Bethlem Royal Hospital. There will be a demonstration of cases in the hospital.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—A meeting of the Branch will be held at the George Hotel, Criccieth, on Tuesday, April 18th, at 2.45 p.m. Luncheon at 2 p.m.; tickets, 3s. 6d. Agenda.—To read the Minutes of the last meeting. To read Correspondence. To receive the Report of the Branch Council. To read the Financial Statement for 1910. The following papers will be read.—Dr. Price Morris: A Peculiar Case. Dr. J. Lloyd Roberts (Liverpool): Early Signs of Mediastinal Tumours. Mr. J. Howell Evans: (1) Important Points in the Treatment of (Acute) Haemorrhoids. (2) Foreign Body causing a Tumour Simulating Malignancy (with specimen). Dr. J. E. Gemmell: Subperitoneal Fibroid which had undergone Complete Calcification. Mr. H. E. Jones: Recent methods of Removing Enlarged Tonsils, and will show a new Tonsil Guillotine. Dr. J. Hill Abram: A Case of Pneumonia. The Branch Council will meet after the meeting.—H. JONES ROBERTS, Honorary Secretary, Penygroes, S.O.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: FOLKESTONE DIVISION.—A meeting of the Folkestone Division will be held at the Hotel Wampach, Folkestone, on Tuesday, April 25th, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: Minutes. To consider Report on Medical Attendance on the Provident or Insurance Basis in connexion with Poor Law Reform, or other possible development (vide SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, March 4th). Other business. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are invited to attend and introduce professional friends.—P. VERNON DODD, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Folkestone.

WANDSWORTH SCHOOL TREATMENT CENTRE.

THE following rules have been drawn up for the government of the Centre formed for the treatment of school children resident in the Wandsworth L.C.C. electoral area (exclusive of Streatham Ward) found on medical inspection to be defective, under the scheme approved by the Board of Education.

RULES.

1. The conduct of the Treatment Centre shall be in the hands of the House Committee acting on behalf of the members generally of the Medical Profession residing and practising within the L.C.C. Electoral Area of Wandsworth (exclusive of the Streatham Ward).

2. The House Committee shall be formed of five local medical men, not being members of the Staff of the Centre, resident and practising within the area controlled by the Centre, together with the Chairman of the Wandsworth Division of the British Medical Association and the Chairman of the Staff Committee as *ex officio* members. The Committee will elect its own Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer. The five local medical men will be elected by the medical men resident and practising within the area of the Centre, as above, annually in December, by nomination and voting through the post.

3. Medical men desiring to visit the Centre are requested to send in their cards to the member of the staff on duty, and to sign the visitors' book. The accredited representative of the London County Council is entitled to inspect the Centre while treatment is being given.

4. The Centre will be open at 2 p.m. on those days on which the staff attend. Children should attend not later than 2.15 p.m.

Eye cases will be seen on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; Ear, Nose, and Throat cases on Tuesday and Thursday.

House Committee.

5. Ordinary meetings of the House Committee shall be held on the last Friday in each month at 3.45 p.m. Three members will form a quorum.

6. A Special Meeting of the Committee shall be called by the Secretary on the requisition of three members, seven days' notice to be given, or at any time at the discretion of the Chairman.

At such Special Meeting only the business for which the meeting has been called shall be dealt with.

7. The House Committee shall have power to call a General Meeting of the local Medical Profession, at not less than seven days' notice.

On the receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition signed by not less than fifteen Medical Men residing and practising within the area served by the Centre, or from the Executive Committee of the Wandsworth Division of the British Medical Association, the House Committee shall, within fourteen days and giving seven days' notice, call a General Meeting of the profession residing and practising within that area. Provided always that the cost of calling and holding such meeting has been previously guaranteed.

8 Each member of the House Committee shall, in rotation, be appointed to take the duty of visiting the Centre for a period of one month.

9. At each ordinary meeting of the House Committee a financial statement shall be presented by the Honorary Treasurer.

Staff Rules.

10. The Staff will be elected after the following procedure:

(*a*) The whole of the Medical Profession resident and practising within the area provided for will be circularized annually. They will be asked to apply, if they desire to be appointed, by a certain date, and to state on the form of application their experience, qualifications, etc.

(*b*) If an insufficient number of suitable applications are received, applications will be asked for from all registered Medical Practitioners resident and practising in such other districts as the House Committee shall determine.

(*c*) If only sufficient suitable applications are received, the applicants will be appointed for one year.

(*d*) If more than sufficient suitable applications are received, a special selection committee will be formed by the House Committee of the Treatment Centre of medical men, not resident in the electoral area, to select the Staff.

(*e*) The final selection will rest with the Medical Officer for the time being of the Education Department of the London County Council.

(*f*) The Staff will retire annually, but can apply for re-election. If more than sufficient applications are received in the second and following years, those who have not already held the post will be elected, if suitable, in preference to previous holders of the posts.

The Staff will form a committee and elect their own Chairman or representative on the House Committee, and, if necessary, their Honorary Secretary.

11. The members of the Staff will arrange among themselves for continuation of the work during temporary absence.

12. Members of the Staff will sign the Attendance Book on arrival, and in any case shall not leave earlier than 3 p.m.

13. A register shall be kept of the children attending the Centre, and a separate register of operation cases.

14. Each member of the Staff will be expected to devote from two to three hours to his department when on duty. He will be expected to see each day, on an average, eight new cases in addition to those he has told to come for further treatment.

15. The member of the Staff advising an operation must give to the parent or guardian of the child a consent form provided for the purpose, and see that it is returned to him, duly signed, before undertaking any operative measures. These forms must be filed for reference. He will also give to the parent or guardian a printed instruction as to the proper preparation of the child for operation and for its after-treatment. He shall not operate before he has satisfied himself that the instructions have been carried out.

16. No child is to be removed from the Centre without the permission of that member of the Staff who has operated.

17. No operation shall be performed which is incompatible with the safe removal home of the patient before the closing of the Centre, or which is likely to require after-treatment by a medical man within seven days.

18. The Anaesthetist shall examine the child's heart and lungs before administering the anaesthetic.

19. Cases considered to be outside the scope of the Centre treatment shall be referred direct to a suitable Hospital with a recommendation for treatment, and the fact reported to the Special School Officer with particulars.

20. If the Medical Officer considers that the case is one in which the circumstances of the parent or guardian do not warrant its treatment at the Centre, he shall report the case to the House Committee.

21. If home treatment is required, the parent must be instructed to seek medical advice.

22. A Nurse will be provided by the London County Council. She will act under the instruction and supervision of the Medical Officer in charge of the patient. The Nurse will attend at 1 p.m. on operation days, and at 1.30 p.m. on other days, and remain until the work is finished. She shall also be responsible for the care of the voucher cards and other forms, and for the clerical work connected with them.

23. An Optician will be appointed to the Centre. He will send a representative to attend on "eye" days in order to measure and take orders for the glasses ordered. Spectacles will not be given free. The Staff will mark on the prescription card the price to be charged. The children should be brought back for inspection after the glasses have been received.

24. All suggestions and complaints by the Staff shall be reported to the Honorary Secretary of the House Committee.

Care Committees and the Centre.

25. The following is the procedure by which the child will reach the Treatment Centre and obtain attention there:

(*a*) After medical inspection the parent, if the child is found defective, will be given a card on which will be printed a statement in general terms of the defect discovered, as also the following: "You are strongly urged to seek proper medical advice." The School Medical Officer is not authorized or entitled to give any such advice, nor to recommend any doctor or institution.

(*b*) If the child is taken to a doctor he will treat the defect, if the parent or guardian can pay the usual fee for the necessary treatment, and he will fill in on the card referred to in (*a*) above that he is attending to the child. The parent will be required to return the card to the Head Teacher of the child's department for the information of the Care Committee.

(*c*) If the parent states to the Head Teacher that he cannot afford the usual fee, or if the Care Committee has not received within a specified time the card indicating that the child is under treatment (*b*), then the Care Committee will take the necessary steps to satisfy itself as to whether the circumstances of the parents prevent them from paying the fees of private medical practitioners.

(*d*) These necessary steps would be by enquiry made at the home of the child or (and) by requiring the attendance of the parent before the Care Committee.

(*e*) If satisfied that the parent can afford the fees of private medical practitioners the Care Committee will inform the Education Department accordingly, when the necessary steps would be taken to compel the parent to obtain the necessary medical attention.

(*f*) If satisfied that the parent cannot afford the fees of private medical practitioners, the Care Committee will issue to the parent a card authorizing him to take the child to the Treatment Centre for treatment, and will advise him of the day and hour of attendance after the Special School Officer has made the necessary arrrangements with the Staff. The Care Committee, at the same time, will determine what charge (if any)

it will recommend the London County Council should be made on the parent for the necessary treatment.

(*g*) The Care Committee will send to the Centre a list of children who have been instructed to attend at the Centre. A list of names of those who have failed to attend as instructed will be sent by the Staff to the Care Committee.

(*h*) On receiving the report from the Staff that the instructions have been ignored by the parent the Care Committee will take such steps as may appear necessary.

(*i*) The House Committee and the Staff reserve to themselves the right to refuse to attend to children whose circumstances in their opinion do not warrant them being treated at the Centre. The House Committee will report these circumstances to the Care Committee concerned.

(*j*) The members of the Staff of the Centre will fulfil the obligation in (*b*) above, and the House Committee will report to the London County Council periodically full details as to those children that have come under treatment.

Procedure as to Voucher Cards.

Each child sent to the Centre by the Council will present a voucher card—green for eye cases, blue for ear, nose, and throat cases, and red for ringworm cases. This card will be perforated in the centre. The top half will form the voucher upon which the capitation grant will be paid by the Council, and should be returned with the quarterly account. The lower portion, filled in, should be returned to the Council as soon as possible after the child ceases attendance at the Centre.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

EXCHANGE.

The charge for inserting notices respecting Exchanges in the Army Medical Department is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps or post office order with the notice, not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

A CAPTAIN, R.A.M.C., due for abroad in December, wishes to exchange to remain at home.—State terms for exchange to Box No. 1792, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, 429, Strand, W.C.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL WILLIAM DICK, M.B., is placed on retired pay, April 6th. He was appointed Surgeon, February 4th, 1882; Surgeon-Major, February 4th, 1894; and Lieutenant-Colonel, February 4th, 1902. He was with the Nile Expedition in 1884–5, and was present at the action of Abu Klea, receiving a medal with two clasps and the Khedive's bronze star.

Major A. O. B. WROUGHTON is placed temporarily on the Half-pay List on account of ill-health, March 20th. His commissions are dated: Lieutenant, January 28th, 1899; Captain, January 28th, 1902; and Major, October 28th, 1910. He served in the South African war in 1899–1902, and was present at the relief of Ladysmith, at the actions at Colenso, Vaal Kranz, the Tugela Heights, and Pieters Hill, and in subsequent operations in Natal (action at Laing's Nek) and the Transvaal; he has the Queen's medal with six clasps and the King's medal with two clasps.

Captain E. G. FORD, M.B., retires, receiving a gratuity, April 8th. His first appointment bears date April 25th, 1900; that of Captain, April 5th, 1903. He was in the South African war in 1900–2, and took part in operations in the Orange River Colony, the Transvaal, and again in the Orange River Colony, receiving the Queen's medal with three clasps and the King's medal with two clasps.

Captain F. W. LAMBELLE, who is serving in India, is appointed Specialist in Advanced Operative Surgery, 5th (Mhow) Division, from February 17th.

Captain P. S. LELEAN, at present stationed at Meerut, is granted one year's extension of his appointment as Divisional Sanitary Officer; his tour of Indian service is also extended by the same period.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

First Northumberland Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant WILLIAM T. HARKNESS, from the List of Officers attached to Units other than Medical Units, to be Lieutenant, March 1st.

Attached to Units other than Medical Units.—Lieutenant SAMUEL ENGLISH, M.B., to be Captain, September 30th, 1910. Captain J. S. SWAIN to be Major, October 23rd, 1910. Captain ALBERT EHRMANN to be Major, January 9th. HUGH L. MUNRO, M.D., to be Lieutenant, March 1st.

For Attachment to Units other than Medical Units.—RICHARD P. RYAN (late Lieutenant, 2nd (Prince of Wales's) Volunteer Battalion Devonshire Regiment) to be Lieutenant, February 1st. Captain A. W. FRENCH, from the Yorkshire Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C., to be Captain, March 15th.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following changes in the Colonial Medical Service are notified by the Colonial Office:

WEST AFRICAN MEDICAL STAFF.—*Resignation:* T. F. Bayfield, M.D. C.M.McGill, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Edin., Medical Officer, Gold Coast, resigns his appointment. *Retirement:* R. L. Roe, M.B., C.M.Edin., Medical Officer, Southern Nigeria, retires on pension. *Transfer:* G. J. Rutherford, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Provincial Medical Officer for Ashanti, has been selected for appointment as Assistant Principal Civil Medical Officer of Ceylon.

OTHER COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES.—D. Drew, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. Dub., L.M.Irel., R. Drummond, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., and N. J. Watt, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., have been selected for appointment as Medical Officers in Nyasaland.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

ABERYSTWITH INFIRMARY AND CARDIGANSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

BETHNAL GREEN INFIRMARY.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Two House-Surgeons. Salary for three months, £40 per annum, and for next six months, £50 per annum.

BOLTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

CARNARVON UNION.—Workhouse and District Medical Officer. Salary, £58 and £35 per annum respectively and fees.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £70 per annum.

DORCHESTER: DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

DUMFRIES COUNTY COUNCIL.—Deputy County Medical Officer, Bacteriologist, and Chemist. Salary, £300 per annum, increasing to £400.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Officer for Electrical Department. Salary, £75 per annum.

HALIFAX: ROYAL HALIFAX INFIRMARY.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

HEREFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

HULL CORPORATION.—Resident Medical Officer for the Sanatorium and Evan Fraser (Small-pox) Hospital. Salary to commence, £250 per annum.

LEAMINGTON: WARNEFORD, LEAMINGTON, AND SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £85 per annum.

LEICESTER INFIRMARY.—Assistant House Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

LINCOLN GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Junior Medical Officer. Salary, £175 per annum.

MANCHESTER: HULME DISPENSARY.—(1) Honorary Physician; (2) Honorary Surgeon.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE DISPENSARY.—Visiting Medical Assistant. Salary £160 for first year, increasing to £180 afterwards.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.—Honorary Assistant to the Throat and Ear Department.

PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL, Tottenham, N.—(1) Honorary Physician to the X-Ray and Electrical Department. (2) Senior House-Physician. (3) Junior House-Surgeon. (4) Junior House-Physician. Salary for (2), £75; and for (3) and (4), £50 per annum.

RAMSGATE BOROUGH.—Medical Officer and School Medical Officer. Combined salary, £400 per annum.

READING: ROYAL BERKS HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, Soho.—House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £40 per annum.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, S.E.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

SHEFFIELD: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Junior Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £65 per annum.

SOUTHAMPTON: FREE EYE HOSPITAL.—Honorary Surgeon.

SOUTH SHIELDS: INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WESTOE DISPENSARY.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. (2) Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 and £90 per annum respectively.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £80 per annum.

THROAT HOSPITAL, Golden Square, W.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

TIVERTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £80 per annum.

WESTBOURNE PROVIDENT DISPENSARY, Harrow Road, W.—Medical Officer.

WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Assistant Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

APPOINTMENTS.

BRADFORD, R. G., M.B., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Brownhills District, co. Staffs.

BROWN, W., M.D.Glasg., Cert. Psych. Med., Medical Adviser in Lunacy Cases to the Bristol Magistrates.

CHAMBERS, Walter D., M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Physician, Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries.

JARVIS, C. G., M.D.Paris, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., Visiting Physician to the Hertford British Hospital, Paris.

JOHNSON, T. C., M.B., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Yatton District, co. Somerset.

LAKE, Norman C., M.B., B.S., B.Sc.(Hons.)Lond., Medical Registrar to Charing Cross Hospital.

ROBERTSON, J., M.B., C.M.Glas., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Clackmannan District, co. Clackmannan.

WARDROP, Colonel Douglas, C.V.O., M.B., House Governor and Medical Superintendent of Osborne.

WILLIS, J. K., M.B.Cantab., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Cranleigh District, co. Surrey.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

BARBER.—On April 3rd, at 46, Friar Gate, Derby, to Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Barber, a daughter.

ELLIOT.—On April 4th, at St. George, Queensland, the wife of Henry P. Elliot, M.B., and C.M.Edin., of a son. By cable.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

THURSDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

DERMATOLOGICAL SECTION, Chandos Street, W., 5 p.m.—Cases and Specimens.

FRIDAY.

ELECTRO-THERAPEUTICAL SECTION, 15, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—(1) Demonstrations:—Mr. Deane Butcher: Osmotic Growths. Dr. Reginald Morton: Fracture of Sesamoid Bone of Great Toe. (2) Paper:—Dr. Samuel Sloan: Success and Failure in Electrotherapy; a Consideration of some of the Causes.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Lectures: Tuesday, 3.45 p.m., Method of Examination. Friday, 3.45 p.m., Method of Examination.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Friday, 5.15 p.m., Congenital Dislocation of the Hip, Coxa Vara, Coxa Valga.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Skin, and Eye Clinics, *X* Rays; 3 p.m., Demonstration of the Infectious Fevers (at the North-Eastern Fever Hospital, St. Ann's Road, N.). Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Clinics: Medical and Surgical Out-patient; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient. Friday, 2.30 p.m., Operations; Clinics: Medical Out-patient, Surgical, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; Demonstration of the Infectious Fevers (at the North-Eastern Fever Hospital, St. Ann's Road, N.).

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, W.—Medical and Surgical Clinics, *X* Rays, and Operations, 2 p.m. daily. Monday, Gynaecology, 10 a.m.; Eye, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, 10 a.m.; Eye, 2 p.m.; Gynaecology, 2 p.m. Thursday, Eye, 2 p.m.; Orthopaedics, 2 p.m. Friday, Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Saturday, Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, 10 a.m.; Eye, 10 a.m.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The City of London Year Book, 1911. London: W. H. and L. Collingridge, *City Press* Office, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Double royal 16mo, pp. 373. 5s.)

A reference book to everything concerning the official life of the City of London, including lists of the committees of the Court of Common Council, of the London County Council, and of the members of Lloyd's, the Baltic, and the Stock Exchanges; also information as to the property of various city guilds and the schools and charitable trusts administered by them. An excellent book of its kind.

INSTRUMENT CATALOGUES, ETC.

WE have received from Messrs. Newton and Co. (3, Fleet Street, London, E.C.) a comprehensive catalogue containing particulars of their *x*-ray and electro-medical outfits. In addition to the usual trade descriptions of their specialities, they provide some useful pages containing some general information likely to be useful to the practitioner who is intending to make use of any form of medical electricity. No prescriptions for treatment are given, of course, but merely practical advice as to the arrangement and use of an installation. Among the apparatus which is listed, a special feature is made of the "Instanta" induction coil, the distinction of which is its low secondary resistance; in other respects it is one of a group of coils which, under the trade name of "Apps-Newton," have attained considerable popularity. The catalogue ranges from mercury vapour lamps to the Snook outfit, and a section is devoted to the static machine, which appears to be coming into greater favour.

Messrs. Siemens, Brothers and Co., Limited (Caxton House, Westminster) forward us two pamphlets, the one a reprint of Dr. Nagelschmidt's recent paper on the thermal effects produced by high-frequency currents, read in the Electro-Therapeutical Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and the other a description of the apparatus with which that pioneer in diathermy carried out his demonstration on that occasion. In appearance the apparatus is surprisingly simple, consisting merely of a portable table covered with a marble slab on which are mounted lever switch, terminals, and spark gap, as well as a high-frequency ammeter for measuring the current conducted to the body. This last can be regulated to 2.5 ampères—many times higher than the d'Arsonval current—and the instrument is keyed up to 600,000, or 1,000,000 oscillations per second.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
APRIL.	
16 Sunday ..	
17 MONDAY ..	
18 TUESDAY ..	NORTH WALES BRANCH, George Hotel, Criccieth, 2.45 p.m.; Luncheon, 2 p.m.; Branch Council, after the Meeting.
19 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m. ALTRINCHAM DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, General Meeting, Greenbank Hotel, Northwich, 4.45 p.m.
20 THURSDAY ..	LONDON: Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 4.30 p.m. EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH, Spring Meeting, Framlingham, Suffolk.
21 FRIDAY ..	CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Conjoint Meeting with the Æsculapian Society, Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, 4 p.m.
22 SATURDAY ..	

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
APRIL *(continued).*	
23 Sunday ..	
24 MONDAY ..	
25 TUESDAY ..	FOLKESTONE DIVISION. *South-Eastern Branch*, Hotel Wampach, Folkestone, 8.30 p.m.
26 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Committee on Fractures, 9.30 a.m. **London: Central Council, 2 p.m.** RICHMOND DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Medico-Political Meeting, Royal Hospital, Richmond, 8.30 p.m.
27 THURSDAY ..	WALTHAMSTOW DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Walthamstow Hospital, Orford Road, Walthamstow, 4 p.m.
28 FRIDAY ..	BIRMINGHAM BRANCH, Pathological and Clinical Section, Medical Institute, Edmund Street, 8 p.m.
29 SATURDAY ..	
30 Sunday ..	

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